

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

Anson County Day of Prayer
Sunday, August 20



There are over 100 churches in Anson County; each is an important member of the Body of Christ. We are excited to dedicate **Sunday, August 20 as the Anson County Day of Prayer.**

We are inviting all to join in prayer for a "Bountiful Harvest" as we prepare for the new school year. Our hope is that this 24-hours is covered in prayer, with a variety of ways to participate in worship and on social media.

Join us in prayer - one of the first steps towards a more unified Body of Christ as we seek Heaven's solution for the challenges unique to our county.

Support materials will be emailed, so register your church at: tinyurl.com/ACDayOfPrayer.

You can direct questions to:
AnsonCountyDayOfPrayer@gmail.com.



CityReach Community Center and Protege Prep Basketball Academy Hosted Summer Basketball Camp

During the months of June and July City Reach Community Center (CRC) in Wadesboro, along with Anson County's own Coach Jamoszio Burch of Protégé Prep Basketball Academy, provided two 3-day basketball camps for youth in the facilities of CRC for just \$10 a day. Over 30 campers, ages 5 to 16 took part in skill development, mentoring, competitive play, shooting drills, and team building.

Each day participants were instructed by local coaches and high school basketball players, as well as given life lessons, encouragement, and a quick snack.

Steve Adams, Executive Director of City Reach shared, "This was a great opportunity to partner with Coach Burch who is a mentor, positive community figure, and someone for our youth to look up to and learn from, as well as a proven winning coach with his NC Jayhawks traveling AAU team."

Campers wrapped up the three day event with awards, certificates and special "Camp T-Shirts" donated by Jay Ayers of Millions for Missions and 4U Rec Center.

Adams said, "I would like to thank Coach Burch, the City Reach Board of Directors, the parents, Jay Ayers, and of course the great young 'ballers' who came out to get better, not just in basketball - but in life!"

City Reach is a 501c3 Nonprofit Community Corporation dedicated to positive programs, events, recreational activities, mentoring, and more in Anson and surrounding counties. For additional information on the many community opportunities of CRC, feel free to reach Adams at 704-695-2879.

State Elections Board Unanimously Certifies New Voting System

On July 6 the State Board of Elections on Thursday voted unanimously to approve a new voting system from Elections Systems & Software (ES&S) for use in North Carolina elections. The EVS 6.3.0.0 system now is one of several state-certified voting systems, which counties can choose from in determining the best system of casting and counting ballots for their voters.

The new system includes an upgrade to the Microsoft Windows 10 operating system, increased memory capacity, the new DS300 polling place scanner/tabulator, the new DS950 high-speed scanner/tabulator, and new reporting and ballot design modules, among other features.

"The State Board's unanimous decision to certify this voting system gives county boards of elections and boards of commissioners another option when deciding which system best serves their voters," said Karen Brinson Bell, executive director of the State Board of Elections. "This system has been through rigorous testing as part of federal and state certifications, and it is certified, used, and audited in other states. Combined with many other safeguards in our elections process, election officials are confident that this system will ensure accurate, secure elections for our voters."

Voters using this system will cast paper ballots in one of two ways:

- Use a pen to mark selections on a paper ballot, check their selections, and insert their ballot into a tabulator (i.e., ballot scanner) at their voting site.
- Make selections using a touch-screen ballot-marking device, called the ExpressVote, which prints out a completed paper ballot that the voter double-checks and inserts into a tabulator.

Voters' selections are recorded on a memory card in the tabulator for later counting. Almost all N.C. voters use paper ballots, providing a paper trail of all votes cast that can be audited or recounted by elections officials. (Note: Military and overseas voters, as well as visually impaired voters, may request, access, and return an absentee ballot using an online portal maintained by the State Board.)

The State Board determined that EVS 6.3.0.0 meets all criteria defined in North Carolina's Elections Systems Certification Program (PDF). The system also meets federal standards established by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). As part of the certification process, Pro Verification & Validation (Pro V&V), an independent test lab accredited by the EAC to examine voting systems, conducted a procedural and technical evaluation of EVS 6.3.0.0 and found that it meets the requirements for voting systems in North Carolina.

ES&S will be notified of the certification of the system, and the following steps must be taken before the system can be used in North Carolina:

- Upon securing any contracts, ES&S must post a bond or letter of credit to cover damages resulting from defects in the voting system. The State Board has set this amount as \$17.02 million, or the cost of a new statewide election.
- ES&S must place in an escrow account the source code for software of the system relevant to functionality, setup, configuration, and operation of the voting system.
- Each county board of elections interested in the new system must witness a demonstration of the system and at least one other system.
- Each county board interested in the new system must test the system in at least one precinct in a live election or through simulated election procedures established by the State Board.
- The county board must recommend procurement of the new system to the board of county commissioners. The county commissioners must sign off on the purchase of the voting system.

For more information on voting systems used in North Carolina, see Voting Equipment (ncsbe.gov/voting/voting-equipment).

For more information on election security, see (ncsbe.gov/election-security).

For a quick overview of election security in NC, see 10 Facts About Election Security in North Carolina: (ncsbe.gov/about-elections/election-security/10-facts-about-election-security-north-carolina).

Celebrate National Chocolate Chip Day!

For National Chocolate Chip Day, packs of chocolate chip cookies for seniors 55 and older will be given out at Grace Senior Center on Tuesday, August 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is free and no registration is required. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. The telephone number is 704-694-6616.

Bowman High School Class of 1973 Reunion Meeting

The Bowman High School Class of 1973 will hold a meeting to plan the 50th class reunion at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 12 at Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro. All classmates are invited to attend.

For information contact Brenda S. Rorie at 704-695-5196.

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